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Applicant : Yoshinari Ikegami, et al.) Group Art Unit Unknown
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 For : DRINK USING SEAWATER)
 AND METHOD FOR)
 PRODUCING THE SAME)
 Examiner : Unknown)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculating the number of claims, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Prior to the first line of the specification on page 1, please insert This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/JP99/07095, filed December 17, 1999, which claims priority based on JP11-35145, filed February 15, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A drink, which comprises desalted seawater to which water-soluble mineral components are added.
2. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said water-soluble mineral components are obtained from seawater.
3. (Amended) The drink as claimed in Claim 2, wherein said water-soluble mineral components are derived from the seawater from which said desalted seawater is obtained.